

## Abstract

### **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING A MEDIA CONTENT FILE OVER A NETWORK**

A customer computer accesses, through a network, a media  
5 content file, as follows. A session is opened between a customer  
computer and either an application server or a media content  
server. A request to view a media content file is received from  
the computer. A temporary metafile having a temporary metafile  
name is created. The metafile contains a network address where  
10 the media content file can be obtained, an encrypted name of the  
media content file and an unencrypted file path leading to the  
media content file. The temporary metafile name is sent to the  
customer computer. The customer computer requests the temporary  
metafile to learn the encrypted media content file name,  
15 unencrypted media content file path and the network address. The  
customer computer subsequently sends the encrypted media content  
file name and the unencrypted media content file path to the  
network address to obtain the media content file. The metafile  
is cancelled or deleted before or at the end of the session with  
20 the customer computer, for security reasons.